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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have no access to the internet @ all without Sonic, an independent ISP since they can use existing landlines to provide service. They provide a bridge to the net. They also have actual humans, not robots, to help with technical questions which have been many since I have no direct phone line which is easily accessible to ATT. I have no cell phone because there is no cell tower in the area.

I have a landline only that was created when the first phones out here were put in, sometime in 1929 or 30. According to one of ATT's investigation of one of my many power outages (I've been here since 1994) my line involves 18 power poles, the nearest one to my house that is within my property lines is connected to a pole in the middle of the vineyard that borders my property. That vineyard was put in well after I bought my property. It took ATT until 1995 to replace my old power pole which was close to falling down.

At this point I need my landline as it is laid out since ATT does not want to change my connection to a more convenient location for them to service.

We need more ISPs that are willing to bridge the communication gap for everyone in outlying areas.

Please don't let ATT (or any other carrier) endanger our lives.

Sincerely,

Carol Irvine